



# TECHNICAL NOTE

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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Site Monitoring Report – May 2024		
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 WSP UK Ltd (WSP) was commissioned by Swanage Town Council (STC), ‘the Client’, to produce a supplementary technical note detailing the findings of a follow up defect walkover survey undertaken in May 2024. Areas of ground and retaining wall instability have been identified across the site over a number of years. It is not known when these defects were first identified by STC.
- 1.2 An initial defect survey was undertaken in June 2023, with a subsequent site monitoring report issued, providing a baseline list of defects identified across the site [1]. These risks were assigned a risk rating using a qualitative risk assessment methodology.
- 1.3 A description of the site locale and references to existing geotechnical information are presented within Section 1 of the Ground Stabilisation Feasibility Study [2].
- 1.4 References to supplementary information relating to buried services, UXO risk and topographical surveys are provided in Table 1 of the Ground Stabilisation Options Refinement Technical Note [3].

## 2 DEFECT WALKOVER SURVEY

- 2.1 The latest defect walkover survey was undertaken on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024, by a WSP Geotechnical Engineer. On the date of the inspection weather conditions were dry and clear.
- 2.2 The purpose of the walkover was to record the updated condition of defects identified during the initial defect survey in June 2023 [1], interim inspections undertaken in October 2023 [4] and February 2024 [5], and the latest survey in completed in May 2024.
- 2.3 Information on any new defects which may have developed in the interim period were also documented.
- 2.4 Photos and measurements of each defect were taken and compared to the previous survey in order to determine the rate of deterioration of assets across the site. This would inform the revised risk rating assigned to each defect within the defect schedule.
- 2.5 The walkover survey comprised inspection of the following areas:
  - The Spa;
  - The Spa Beach Huts;
  - Weather Station Field; and
  - Sandpit Field.
- 2.6 Defect areas were categorised by location with the Spa and Spa Beach Hut areas denoted “A”, Weather Station Field denoted “B”, and Sandpit Field denoted “C”, in the defect schedule. The defect schedule is presented as Appendix A of this technical note.

- 2.7 A total of 44 no. defects were identified during the site walkover. These typically related to, but not limited to the following:
- Retaining walls with vertical and/or horizontal cracking, bulging or bowing, excessive settlement or leaning;
  - Hummocky areas where surface distress was identified in grassed areas and footways;
  - Tension cracking forming in oversteep vegetated slopes;
  - Footway and stairway distress in the form of tension cracking, structural cracking, pavement settlement and heave; and
  - Dilapidated surface drainage and retaining wall weepholes, blocked or semi-blocked by debris and siltation.
- 2.8 Of the 44 no. defects observed during the walkover survey, 37 no. related to retaining walls, four related to pavements and footways, two related to earthwork slopes, and one related to drainage systems.
- 2.9 An additional two minor defects were observed during the May 2024 walkover, relating to the retaining wall bordering Walrond Road to the north and Sandpit Field to the south.
- 2.10 Where identified, a characteristic image of each defect has been included within the defect schedule. A link to a repository of images captured during the inspection shall be made available on request.
- 2.11 An updated defect risk rating has been assigned to each of the defects based on the May 2024 site walkover, presented in the defect schedule (see Appendix A). These values have been assigned based on a qualitative risk assessment (QRA), to give an approximation of risk levels at the time of the survey.
- 2.12 The QRA methodology used to derive defect risk ratings is presented as Appendix B.
- 2.13 Further information on these defects are presented within the defect schedule. The risk level from the previous surveys has been presented within the Defect Schedule to highlight changes in asset condition over time.
- 2.14 Tension cracking was noted along the full extents of the embankment mid slope, adjacent to defect C12.
- 2.15 Recommendations on defects which require additional intervention measures are detailed within Section 4.

### 3 MONITORING DATA

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#### PREVIOUS SURVEYS AND INTERPRETATION (JUNE 2021 – MAY 2023)

- 3.1 Initial ground monitoring data from site was provided within the Ground Investigation Report (GIR) produced by South West Geotechnical Ltd (SWG), in June 2021 [6]. An interpretation of this monitoring data was provided in the Ground Stabilisation Feasibility Report produced by WSP in September 2022 [2].
- 3.2 Ground monitoring data has been made available for the site, with the latest readings taken in September 2023. The monitoring regime at the site comprises, eight inclinometers and eight diver piezometers, with results presented as Appendix C.
- 3.3 During the previous survey period (up to June 2023), spikes in groundwater (GW) were identified in all boreholes from November 2022 to January 2023, consistent with periods of high rainfall, and recharging of groundwater tables underlying the site. The inclinometer data mirrored the results of the high GW readings, with significant near surface movement identified in four of the monitoring locations. From March to May 2023, no significant spikes in groundwater regime were observed at the site, consistent with the low rainfall in this period.

### **SURVEY PERIOD (JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2023)**

- 3.4 In the period leading up to the current defect survey (June – September 2023), groundwater levels remained consistent or saw a slight reduction throughout the period. It should be noted that significant rainfall had occurred the week prior and the day of the defect survey. This period of wet weather would likely have caused a spike in groundwater levels, with a mirrored response in the inclinometer data anticipated. However, the latest monitoring data available at the point of issue of this report is from September 2023, therefore the resultant effects of these weather events can only be speculated at this point.
- 3.5 No significant change in inclinometer data was observed during this period. Monitoring locations which observed large movements within 2m of surface level (i.e. BH03, BH07, BH10), indicate deflections have remained consistent or having decreased from previous maximums. This is expected during the summer period where weather conditions are more favourable, resulting in lower groundwater levels and a subsequent reduced effect on slope stability across the site.
- 3.6 Large displacements were observed in the latest readings taken from BH12, with the deflections in the Face A orientation increasing from -2mm to -8mm in a one-month period. The BH12 inclinometer is located at the crest of the slope, therefore a movement away from the toe is not expected. This could be symptomatic of a larger rotation slip occurring within the slope. This is considered unlikely, however previous inclinometer data at this location indicated a translational movement of the top 1.5m of superficial soils down slope, consistent with the depth of Made Ground observed during the intrusive investigation works. It is assumed that the reading is erroneous, however this trend should be reviewed with the following months monitoring results.
- 3.7 Based on the observations made from the previous monitoring data during the winter period, further asset degradation is more likely to occur during prolonged periods of wet weather and high groundwater levels. It is recommended that groundwater and inclinometer monitoring is continued throughout the winter period alongside periodic site walkovers to ensure that site defects are appropriately risk managed, and areas cordoned off as necessary.

### **SURVEY PERIOD (OCTOBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024)**

- 3.8 Groundwater conditions have generally been noted to have responded to increased rainfall events in the winter period, with a corresponding increase in ground water levels. In particular BH13 which has indicated groundwater at ground level. Groundwater levels were noted to have peaked in November 2023 and gradually reduced into 2024, with a slight increase in in February 2024.
- 3.9 It is noted that BH02 is 'blocked' and BH08 'buried'. These descriptions should be clarified with the monitoring contractor, and methods of recommissioning explored.
- 3.10 Inclinometer readings from BH03 continue to show an increasing trend of slope movement (up to 12mm) with a potential shear surface at depth approximately 2m bgl. These trends are also reflected in BH07 (10mm) with a potential shear surface at 3m bgl. BH10 has shown an increase following the September visit (6mm) but has remained generally constant in all subsequent visits.
- 3.11 The BH12 inclinometer continues to show a variation in readings which make assessment of potential movement difficult. Further monitoring is recommended to establish if these readings have stabilised or show an increasing trend.
- 3.12 The inclinometer in BH14 was noted to have erroneous readings in October 2023. It should be noted that subsequent readings do not indicate any significant movements.
- 3.13 BH16 inclinometer shows an uncharacteristic change in the Face A and B readings between January and February 2024. At depth 0.5m bgl, readings of 11mm and 18mm were observed for Face A and

Face B respectively. This is considered likely to anomalous readings based on their magnitude, however this should be reviewed in subsequent visits to establish if these readings are a genuine indication of increasing movement, or erroneous.

- 3.14 It is recommended that groundwater and inclinometer monitoring is continued throughout the winter and spring periods alongside periodic site walkovers to ensure that site defects are appropriately risk managed, and areas cordoned off as necessary.

### **SURVEY PERIOD (MARCH – MAY 2024)**

- 3.15 In the latest survey period, no significant change was identified in the following inclinometers: BH01, BH06, BH10, BH12, and BH14. This behaviour was consistent with the low recorded rainfall in this period.

#### BH03 - Inclinometer

- 3.16 For the period of March to May, an increase in deflection of 2mm was observed in BH03 Face A (direction of slope). No significant change was observed in the Face B values.

#### BH07 - Inclinometer

- 3.17 A significant displacement of the Face B of BH07 was observed in the April 2024 survey. This could be indicative of movement of the ground and masonry retaining walls on the corner of Shore Road and Walrond Road, and the boundary wall to the south of Weather Station Field.

- 3.18 The retaining wall on the corner of Walrond Road and Shore Road (defect ref. B4), has heras fencing panels in place providing an exclusion zone. This has limited the ability to take detailed measurements of the wall, to assess any further movement or displacement of the masonry. Therefore, comparison between the inclinometer data and structural measurements could be made.

- 3.19 It should be noted that no significant movement was observed in the boundary retaining wall south of Weather Station Field, north of Walrond Road (defect ref. B11).

- 3.20 There is potential for this reading to be erroneous based on the following observations:

- The base inclinometer reading (3.5m bgl) does not tend to zero displacement (i.e. toe in), compared to the remaining values recorded in the previous 3 years of survey results. It is highly unlikely based on the retained height of the material at this location (approx. 2m), that movement of the ground to 3.5m bgl would occur.
- The total movement at the inclinometer head (i.e. 0.5m bgl), is approximately double that of the previous reading in March 2024. A movement this significant and in a short time frame is unlikely to have occurred without observable signs of distress in the slope material or the retaining wall structure.

- 3.21 It is recommended that this area continues to be monitored regularly, for changes in the slope and retaining wall condition. It is also recommended that the condition of the inclinometer and testing apparatus is checked in the next round of monitoring surveys, to ensure the instrument is functioning correctly. A visual inspection of the area including the retaining structures and monitoring point shall be undertaken at the next inspection date.

#### BH16 - Inclinometer

- 3.22 Face A of BH16 observes significant deflection in the months of February and March. However, these has reading have normalised in the April monitoring results. Similarly, erroneous looking results for BH16 Face B in March 2024 appear to have normalised in line with previous results, following the April

2024 survey. It is recommended that this should be reviewed in subsequent visits to establish if there is an underlying cause for these movement trends or anomalous readings.

#### Groundwater Monitoring




- 3.23 Groundwater conditions have been generally consistent with the previous inspection period. Significant changes were observed in the water levels surveyed for BH02. However, this appears to be a function of the monitoring well being “blocked” during the February 2024 survey.
- 3.24 It is recommended that groundwater and inclinometer monitoring is continued alongside periodic site walkovers to ensure that site defects are appropriately risk managed, and areas cordoned off as necessary.

## **4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- 4.1 Following review of the latest defect survey and the monitoring information, the following general recommendations are given:
- Ongoing walkover surveys should be undertaken at regular intervals (i.e. two to three monthly), to assess the condition of defects identified, and any new defects which have since developed;
  - After periods of heavy and prolonged rainfall, an inspection of listed defects should be undertaken by a suitability qualified person on behalf of the Client, to ensure all areas are still sufficiently safe to be opened to members of the public;
  - Monthly groundwater and surface monitoring locations should continue, with BH02 and BH08 investigated and where possible recommissioned; and
  - Areas identified as having high risk (risk rating equal to or greater than 9), should be visually inspected weekly, or after periods of heavy and prolonged rainfall, to ensure no rapid deterioration in the asset has occurred.
- 4.2 Based on the revised defect risk ratings, recommendations for defect specific mitigation measures are presented in Table 1. It should be noted that the mitigation measures recommended below should be considered supplementary to those stated in previous reports.

**Table 1 – Recommended Defect Mitigation Measures**

Defect Ref.	Defect Location	Defect Photo	Recommended Mitigation Measure
B11	Weather Station Field		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to monitor regularly.</li> <li>Further deterioration may require foot path diversion.</li> <li>Monitor alongside the results of BH07 inclinometer data.</li> </ul>
C9	Sandpit Field		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider removal and reinstatement with greater toe embedment</li> </ul>
C12	Sandpit Field		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to monitor propagation of tension cracks to the rear of recently planted area (previous bench locations).</li> </ul>



## REFERENCES

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- [1] WSP UK Ltd, "Site Monitoring Report - Shore Road (June 2023)," WSP, Bristol, UK, 2023.
- [2] WSP UK Ltd, "Swanage Seafront - Ground Stabilisation Feasibility Study (Report No. 70094760-GEO-REV001)," WSP UK Ltd, Bristol, UK, 2022.
- [3] WSP UK Ltd, "Swanage TC - Shore Road - Ground Stabilisation Options Refinement Technical Note – Hybrid Option," WSP, Bristol, UK, 2023.
- [4] WSP UK Ltd, "Site Monitoring Report - Shore Road (October 2023)," WSP, Bristol, UK, 2023.
- [5] WSP UK Ltd, "Site Monitoring Report - Shore Road (February 2024)," WSP, Bristol, UK, 2024.
- [6] South West Geotechnical Ltd, "Swanage Seafront - Geotechnical Assessment (Report No. 12660)," South West Geotechnical, Devon, UK, 2021.



## APPENDIX A – DEFECTS SCHEDULE (MAY 2024)



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Swanage Town Council - Shore Road - Asset Defect Schedule (May 2024)									February 2024 Risk Rating	May 2024 Risk Rating					
Defect Ref.	Defect Location	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Sample Photo of Defect	Initial Defect Description (June 2023)	Defect Description (Oct 2023)	Defect Description (Feb 2024)	Defect Description (May 2024)	Risk Level	Likelihood (Number)	Likelihood	Effect (Number)	Effect	Risk Level (Number)	Risk Level
A1	The Spa	403068	79415		Vertical and horizontal cracking, bulging/horizontal sliding of failing wall section.  Crack width 10 - 20mm. Bowling of wall face, up to 40mm.  Loose blockwork, missing masonry, loss of mortar between blockwork.  Crack length 1.2m wall height 1.2m Retained height 3.0m+.	Crack width increased to 25mm.  Bowling of wall face up to 50mm.  North facing wall completely sheared from east facing return.  Additional bowing/shearing of masonry at bench level adjacent to return wall, with up to 70mm movement.  Recommended that area is fenced/closed off. Return wall supports 3-5m of backfill. In the event of total failure, potential to cause significant harm to members of the public.	No significant change  Note heras fencing present to separate area from public	No significant change	High	3	Likely	3	High	9	High
A2	The Spa	403068	79423		Retaining wall height: 1.3m Retained height: 1.3m  Horizontal cracking, crack width up to 10mm. Cracking along failed mortar joint.	Max crack width increased 15mm. Otherwise no significant change (NSC) observed.	No significant change	Slight increase increase in crack width observed. Otherwise, no significant change.	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low
A3	The Spa	403061	79407		Retaining wall height: 0.8m Retained height: 0.8m  Vertical cracking and horizontal displacement of wall. Crack width, 40 - 60mm with loose and missing masonry.  Evidence of previous repair attempt with cement mix.	Max crack width 80mm.  Max translational movement of masonry (left and right hand side) 50mm.  Otherwise no significant change, and low risk.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low

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A4	The Spa	403060	79395		Retaining wall height: 1.0m Retained height: 1.0m  Vertical cracking, width up to 30mm. No bowing/bulging of wall face observed.  Pavement cracking at base of retaining wall mirroring cracking in retaining wall face.	Surveyed - No significant change.	Vertical cracking, width 40mm	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low
A5	The Spa	403051	79400		Retaining wall height: 0.9m Retained height: 0.2m  Vertical and horizontal cracking, crack width up to 30mm.  Appears lower section of wall has settled/rotated away from top section, causing failure of mortar joint and cracking in wall.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	2	Low	4	Low
A6	The Spa	403060	79402		Retaining wall height: 0.9m Retained height: 0.9m  Vertical cracking, crack width up to 20mm.  Horizontal displacement of right side of wall 10mm from left side.  Evidence of previous mortar joint repair, which has since re-failed.	Horizontal displacement of right side of wall increased to 15mm.  Otherwise, no significant change, and low risk.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low









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A7	The Spa	403058	79400		<p>Pavement cracking and uneven ground.</p> <p>Differential settlement/transverse cracking in pavement with height up to 10mm.</p> <p>Longitudinal cracking, with width up to 2mm.</p>	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	<p>Differential settlement/transverse cracking in pavement increased from 10mm to 30mm.</p> <p>No significant change to risk rating.</p>	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low
A8	The Spa	403052	79390		<p>Retaining wall height: 1.0m</p> <p>Retained height: 1.0m</p> <p>Vertical and horizontal cracking, cracking width 30 - 60mm.</p> <p>Length of defect 0.7m.</p> <p>Evidence of minor previous patch repairs with cement mix.</p>	<p>No bowing observed.</p> <p>Surveyed - No significant change.</p>	<p>No significant change</p> <p>At end of wall vertical cracking noted 10-20mm in width</p>	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low

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A9	Spa Beach Huts	403028	79367		Retaining wall height: 0.9m Retained height: 0.9m  Minor vertical cracking, missing masonry blocks and silted up and damaged back of wall drainage.  Damage potentially due to running services through wall, post wall construction.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low
A10	Spa Beach Huts	403054	79358		Retaining wall height: 1.25m Retained height: 1.25m  Vertical cracking, crack height 0.9m, crack width up to 30mm.  Damaged weephole / void at the base of the wall (see left of survey book).	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	2	Low	4	Low



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A11	Spa Beach Huts	403042	79361		Retaining wall height: 2.15m Retained height 2.15m  Hairline vertical cracking full height of the wall, crack width ~1mm.  Weephole silted up and 2/3 blocked by additional concrete pours, potentiall from previous remedial works.	Could not survey due to lack of access to mid-terrace.  From visual inspection in accessible location, no significant change observed.	No significant change	No significant change  Could not survey due to lack of access to mid-terrace.  From visual inspection in accessible location, no significant change observed.	Low	1	Negligible	3	High	3	Low
A12	Spa Beach Huts	403050	79369		Delapidated aco surface water drainage system.  Drainage gratings broken, and invert fully silted up for the full length of the retaining wall.	Could not survey due to lack of access to mid-terrace.  From visual inspection in accessible location, no significant change observed.	No significant change	No significant change  Could not survey due to lack of access to mid-terrace.  From visual inspection in accessible location, no significant change observed.	Low	3	Likely	1	Very Low	3	Low







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A13	Spa Beach Huts	403055	79380		Retaining wall height: 2.15m Retained height: 2.5m  Horizontal hairline cracking, crack width 1mm. Cracking located 1.85m from existing ground level.  Slight bulging/bowing at the mid span/mid height of retaining wall.  Defect length: 8m.	Could not survey due to lack of access to mid-terrace.  From visual inspection in accessible location, no significant change observed.	No significant change	No significant change.  Could not survey due to lack of access to mid-terrace.  From visual inspection in accessible location, no significant change observed.	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low
A14	Spa Beach Huts	403062	79353		Retaining wall height: 1.2m Retained height: 0m  Vertical and horizontal cracking. Crack length 1.1m, crack width up to 3mm.  No loose masonry or missing blockwork. No bulging or bowing of the wall structure.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change.  Vegetation (flowers) observed to be growing through the cracks in the masonry.	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low
A15	Spa Beach Huts	403060	79377		Retaining wall height: 2.55m Retained height: 2.55m  Vertical cracking, crack length 1.3m, typical crack width between 3 - 10mm.  Bulging/bowing at corner section of masonry wall.  Loss of mortar between blockwork.	Horizontal crack width 20mm max.  Vertical crack width 20mm max.  Otherwise no significant change.	No significant change	No significant change.  Water egress / pooling at base of the wall, however origin of this was unconfirmed. No immediate signs of water expelling from the wall face.	Low	2	Unlikely	2	Low	4	Low

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A16	Spa Beach Huts	403060	79381		Retaining wall height: 2.55m Retained height: 2.55m  Horizontal and vertical cracking. Crack length 1.6m. Typical crack width 3 - 10mm.  Bulging/bowing at the mid span of masonry wall.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	2	Low	2	Low
A17	Spa Beach Huts	403062	79383		Retaining wall height: up to 2.2m Retained height: up to 2.5m.  Horizontal cracking. Crack length 1.8m. Crack width 3 - 12mm.  Horizontal movement of return wall causing cracking, potentially due to bulging/bowing from the main span.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low
B1	Weather Station Field	403050	79339		Pavement tension cracking, surface deformation and partial collapse.  2no. continuous cracks observed, 3.6m and 11m in length respectively.  Multiple patch repairs with asphalt and cement/concrete mix.  Ground uneven and with numerous cracks. Crack depths ranging between 5 - 10mm where repairs have not been completed.	Surveyed - No significant change.  Slip/trip/fall hazard for members of the public (similar to defect ref. C7). Consider closing off access to footpath, or removing entirely.	Footpath now removed and replaced with grass	No significant change.	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low







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B2	Weather Station Field	403042	79330		In the field area to the east of weather station, hummocky ground observed, with tension cracking in slope, bulging of surface.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Medium	3	Likely	2	Low	6	Medium
B3	Weather Station Field	403059	79309		Retaining wall height: 1.8m Retained height: 1.8m  Vertical and horizontal cracking, crack width between 2 - 20mm, occurring at apex of wall curvature.  No bulging or bowing of the wall observed.	Unable to survey position of maximum crack width due to information signage location.  Otherwise no significant change observed.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	2	Low	4	Low



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B4	Weather Station Field	403055	79305		<p>Retaining wall height: 1.8m Retained height: 1.8m</p> <p>Curved wall with 3no. sets of vertical cracking. From south face of retaining wall, cracks are at chainage CH 0, 2.0, and 5.5m. Total length of defect: 5.5m.</p> <p>CH 0m Defect: Vertical cracking, crack width typically 30 - 50mm. Missing blockwork at the head of the wall, with significant voids behind mid span of wall (potentially lost mortar or block work following movement).</p> <p>CH 2.0m Defect: Vertical cracking, max crack width typically 90 - 130mm, increasing with height of wall. Missing blockwork at top of wall.</p> <p>CH 5.5m Defect: Vertical cracking, crack width up to 10mm. Blockwork intact.</p>	<p>Survey of crack dimensions hampered by heras fencing panels, which could not be moved. Could not be surveyed accurately.</p> <p>No significant change in structure compared with previous survey.</p> <p>Maintain heras fencing panel around defect. Continue to monitor regularly.</p>	<p>Heras fencing forming exclusion zone. No direct measurements made, however general observations indicate further movement.</p> <p>Continue to monitor and maintain exclusion.</p>	<p>Heras fencing forming exclusion zone. No direct measurements made, due to presence of fencing panels.</p> <p>Continue to monitor and maintain exclusion.</p>	High	3	Likely	3	High	9	High
B5	Weather Station Field	403054	79310		<p>Vertical cracking on footpath/stepped access.</p> <p>Crack length 3m, typical crack width 1 - 2mm.</p>	<p>Additional cracking observed at bottom left stairs area.</p> <p>Crack widths similar to previous survey.</p>	<p>No significant change</p>	<p>Additional loss of material/concrete from steps, with voids/cracking up to 40-50mm observed.</p> <p>No significant change to risk level currently.</p>	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low

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B6	Weather Station Field	403045	79304		Retaining wall height: 1.0m. Retained height: 1.5m  Vertical and horizontal cracking, crack length 0.8m. Typical crack width 40 - 60mm.  Minor bowing of the wall at mid height.	Previously identified "minor bowing" appears more akin to shearing of top row of finishing stones of wall span, from the wall below.  No significant change in crack widths from previous survey.	No significant change in crack widths  Noted to be very wet with water issuing from between cracks	No significant change.  No water observed expelling from the wall face, however weather conditions were dry on date of inspection.	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low
B7	Weather Station Field	403034	79304		Retaining wall height: 0.9m Retained height: 1.0m.  Vertical cracking, from base to top of wall (i.e. 0.9m), crack width between 20 - 40mm.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low



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B8	Weather Station Field	403026	79304		Retaining wall height: 0.85m Retained height: 1m +  Vertical and horizontal cracking, the full height of the wall (0.85m), with typical crack width of 20mm.  Lower right side (east) of wall translational movement relative to rest of wall.	Max crack width increased to up to 40mm.  Otherwise no significant change - low risk.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low
B9	Weather Station Field	403017	79304		Retaining wall height: 1.0m Retained height: 1.0m  Vertical cracking, running full height of the wall. Right of the crack (east side of the wall), 30mm translational movement of the wall relative to the west side.  Pavement cracking adjacent to retaining wall observed from base of retaining wall.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	Crack width observed up to 20mm.  No significant change to translation movement or pavement cracking adjacent to the wall.	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low



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B10	Weather Station Field	403040	79304			N/A Retaining wall height: 0.9m Retained height: 1.0m. Vertical cracking, from base to top of wall (i.e. 0.9m), crack width up to 10mm.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low
B11	Weather Station Field	403040	79304			N/A 7.5m length of wall, between defect ref. B6 and B7:  Shearing of top span of masonry from base of wall, up to 50mm. Movement in superficial material on retained side of weather station field seperating wall at weak/mortar joint location.  Risk of collapse over time, and damage to pavement, members of the public, and cars parked on road adjacent to wall.  Advise to continue monitoring regularly.	Shearing of top span of masonry from base of wall, increased to 70mm.  Evidence of seepage through wall, along extents.  Advise to continue monitoring regularly. Further deterioration may required foot path diversion.	Condition of asset as per February 2024 inspection.  Lateral extents of the defect has increased from 7.5m to 9m.  Advise to continue monitoring - should further degradation to asset condition be observed, a footpath diversion may be required.	Medium	2	Unlikely	3	High	6	Medium



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C1	Sandpit Field	403000	79294		Retaining wall height: 1.0m. Retained height: 1.0m  Vertical cracking, full height of wall, typical crack width 5 - 30mm.  Large bushes overhanging back of retaining wall, likely the cause of distress observed in the structure.	Displacement of east side of wall relative to the west up to 30mm.  Otherwise no significant change - low risk.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low
C2	Sandpit Field	403009	79294		Retaining wall height: 0.8m Retained height: 0.8m  Vertical cracking full height of wall, typical crack width 5 - 20mm.  Evidence of historic patch repair made previously.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low



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C3	Sandpit Field	403024	79295		Retaining wall height: 0.95m Retained height 1.0m  Vertical cracking, full height of wall, crack width between 1 - 3mm.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low
C4	Sandpit Field	403035	79295		Retaining wall height: 1.0m Retained height: 1.2m  Vertical cracking, full height of wall. Crack width 20 - 40mm.	Small void at base of wall due to loss of mortar/masonry. Likely lost from translational movement of the wall.  Otherwise no significant change.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low





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C5	Sandpit Field	403058	79290		Retaining wall height: 1.25m Retained height 1.25m  Vertical and horizontal cracking, typical crack width 20 - 30mm.  Transverse movement of the wall, mortar joint failure from masonry blockwork moving apart.	Vertical and horizontal cracking increased from 20-30mm to 40-50mm.  Otherwise health of asset unchanged. Low risk.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	2	Low	4	Low
C6	Sandpit Field	403054	79280		Retaining wall height: 0.6m Retained height: 1.5m+  Vertical cracking full height of the wall. Typical crack width between 10 - 15mm. Overgrown bushes and vegetation acting on the back of the wall the likely cause of deterioration of the retaining structure.	Typical crack width increased to 15-25mm.  Otherwise no significant change - low risk.	No significant change	No significant change	Low	2	Unlikely	2	Low	4	Low



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C7	Sandpit Field	403057	79248		<p>Multiple areas of pavement cracking and surface deformation (one example shown face left).</p> <p>Distress in asphalt behind lower slope retaining walls observed where rotation of lower wall was seen (see defect C13).</p> <p>Additional areas of distress in pavement seen where up slope area is oversteepened and not effectively restrained by retaining structure or otherwise, see defect C12.</p>	<p>Defect has been repaired, asphalt has been re-laid in area following slip/trip/fall incident.</p> <p>Bench removed from area.</p> <p>Area to be checked in follow up surveys to ensure defect does not reoccur.</p>	No significant change	No significant change	Low	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low
C8	Sandpit Field	403056	79252		<p>Retaining wall height: 1.3m Retained height 3.0m +</p> <p>6 l.m of terraced masonry blocks which were observed to be overturning with over steepened slope behind. Blocks likely installed to prevent shallow slip failure of material above, however global stability of slope borderline.</p>	<p>Blocks further overturned.</p> <p>Further ravelling of slope material.</p> <p>A 1 m section of toe has a paving stone/blockwork missing. Unsupported toe area has an increased risk of slip/localised slope failure.</p> <p>Regular inspection of area recommended to inspect condition. Consider replacing stone/blockwork to provide support to the face.</p>	No significant change	<p>2no. Replacement blockwork paving slabs installed on the base row.</p> <p>Southern one has already overturned with voiding behind the rear face of panel observed.</p> <p>Advise to continue monitoring these slabs. If these significantly overturn or come loose they could present a trip hazard to pedestrians.</p>	Medium	2	Unlikely	3	High	6	Medium
C9	Sandpit Field	403056	79246		<p>Retaining wall height: 0.6m Retained height: 3m +</p> <p>7.5 l.m of retaining wall blocks partially overturned at toe of retaining wall. Insufficient embedment of blocks at toe, and oversteepened slope behind overloading wall.</p>	<p>Surveyed - No significant change.</p>	Slabs appear to have rotated further outward, consider removal or replacement	<p>Further overturning of southern most slab and newly replaced slab observed.</p> <p>Consider removal and reinstatement with greater toe embedment.</p>	Medium	3	Likely	2	Low	6	Medium



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C10	Sandpit Field	403052	79239		3 l.m of tension cracking observed in oversteep section of slope.  Width of tension crack approx 200mm, and 250mm depth in areas.	Tension crack width  Otherwise no significant change.  Continue to monitor on ongoing basis.	No significant change	No significant change.	Medium	3	Likely	2	Low	6	Medium
C11	Sandpit Field	403055	79235		Retaining wall height: 0.3m Retained height: 3m+  2 lm section of retaining wall at the rear of benches, has overturned by 30 degrees from vertical.  Large overgrown vegetation acting immediately behind the rear of wall, likely cause of issue.	Overturning of retaining wall increased to 45 degrees from vertical.  Low risk, however continue to monitor. Risk of causing hazards related to slips/trip/falls, particularly adjacent to bench + pedestrian walkway.	Evidence of increased tilt - continue to monitor.	Evidence of increased tilt compared to Feb 2024	Low	2	Unlikely	1	Very Low	2	Low
C12	Sandpit Field	403055	79202		3no. Failed retaining wall which use to house benches.  Retaining wall height: 0.6m Retained height 2.5 - 3.5m +  Masonry wall fully overturned and collapse of the main wall span. Partial collapse of the return walls either side of each retaining wall.  Bulging and hummocking of stone slab at ground level, and signs of distress in adjacent asphalt where retaining walls have failed, indicating greater/deeper global failure occurring.	2nd/Middle retaining wall:  - Increased ravelling of shallow material observed.  -Shallow slip developing above overturned masonry.  Considering heras fencing, cordoning off.  Retaining Walls 1 + 3:  Surveyed - No significant change observed.	Infilled with sleepers and planting - tension cracking noted above this section and above adjacent retaining walls.  Continue to monitor.  It is advised that the remaining bench is removed in this section.	Remaining bench has been removed.  In addition to Feb 2024 observations, footway adjacent to the bench area has been re-paved.  Tension cracking in the slope above the bench areas still observed - advise to continue monitoring.	Medium	3	Likely	2	Low	6	Medium

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C13	Sandpit Field	403057	79207		Retaining wall height: 1.0m Retained height: 0.3m  Minor tilt/overturning observed in section of masonry wall. Area of overturning matches asphalt repairs and scarring work indicating link between the two.  Defect length 22 lm.	Surveyed - No significant change.	No significant change.  Footway resurfaced.	No significant change.	Low	2	Unlikely	2	Low	4	Low
C14	Sandpit Field	403039	79146		Retaining wall height: 1.25m Retained height: 1.25m  Lack of mortar joints connecting this section of wall, therefore potential reconstruction of wall section with dry stone wall technique.  Mid height bulging/bowing of the wall likely due to large bushes/trees directly overhanging the back of the wall.  Defect length approx 6 lm.	Significant bow in the wall, due to large bushes/trees directly overhanging back of the wall. Bow/overturn measured as 7 degrees to the vertical.  Recommended that trees are coppiced, to remove load from back of the wall, and limit damage to wall without killing tree. Killing or removing the tree would cause the decay/rotting of root system, which is likely providing some intergrity to the wall structure.	No significant change.	Tree behind affected area of wall has been coppiced, reducing load on the back of the wall.  No change to the condition of the wall.  Reduction in risk rating considered due to removal of tree/load from rear face of wall.	Medium	2	Unlikely	2	Low	4	Low



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C15	Sandpit Field	403041	79295					Retaining wall height: 0.9m Retained height 0.9m  Vertical cracking, full height of wall, hairline cracking of width up to 2mm.	N/A	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low
C16	Sandpit Field	403053	79295					Retaining wall height: 1.0m Retained height 1.0m  Vertical cracking, full height of wall, cracking up to 50mm.	N/A	1	Negligible	1	Very Low	1	Low



## **APPENDIX B – QUALITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

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## QUALITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT (QRA) METHODOLOGY

Qualitative risk assessments are a method of measuring relative risk, based on ranking or descriptive categories. It is an industry standard means of determining a level of risk and is therefore considered appropriate and sufficient for use at this site.

### LIKELIHOOD OF FAILURE

The likelihood of failure for each defect shall be assessed with consideration to findings defect and walkover surveys, and results from any previous Ground Investigation Reports.

**Table 1 – Qualitative Risk Assessment; Likelihood**

Score	Likelihood	Chance of occurrence (%)
5	Almost certain	>70
4	Probable	50-70
3	Likely	30-50
2	Unlikely	10-30
1	Negligible	<10

### EFFECT OF FAILURE

The effect should a failure occur within a defect has been considered with reference to:

- Wall or slope geometry;
- Volume of failed material;
- Proximity to roads and pedestrian footways; and
- Potential to cause damage to infrastructure or harm to members of the public, within the site boundary.

Effect is commonly categorised based on the impact to cost or time, including damage to property and personnel injury.

**Table 2 - Risk Assessment; Effect**

Score	Effect	Cost or Time
4	Very High	Multiple fatalities and/or unserviceable damage to property
3	High	Fatality or injury to people or major damage to property
2	Low	Minor injury to people or minor damage to property
1	Very Low	Negligible damage
0	None	No effect



## RISK LEVEL

A Risk Rating can subsequently be calculated using the adopted principle of Risk = Likelihood x Effect. Each risk rating corresponds to the respective Risk Level, ranging from low to very high risk.

**Table 3 - Risk Assessment; Risk Level**

Score	Risk Level
13-20	Very High
9-12	High
5-8	Medium
0-4	Low